



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
RASHTCHIAN, A.

Appl. No. 09/741,664

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For: **STABLE COMPOSITIONS FOR
NUCLEIC ACID
AMPLIFICATION AND
SEQUENCING**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **January 19, 2006**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment and Reply is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Remarks begin on page 4